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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 220119 ACTION ROME PARIS BONN
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TOKYO MOSCOW SOFIA WARSAW PRAGUE BUCHAREST BUDAPEST
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SUBJECT: SOVIET GRAIN CONTRACTS HELD IN ABEYANCE.

1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT ISSUED OCTOBER 4 PM BY TREASURY
SECRETARY SIMON.

BEGIN TEXT: AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT TWO CONTRACTS
FOR SALE OF CORN AND WHEAT TO THE SOVIET UNION HAVE BEEN
HELD IN ABEYANCE. THESE CONTRACTS, REPORTED TODAY BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, INVOLVE ROUGHTLY 72 MILLION
BUSHELS OF CORN AND ROUGHLY 34 MILLION BUSHELS OF WHEAT FOR
SHIPMENT DURING THE 1974-75 MARKETING YEAR. A PORTION OF
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THESE CONTRACTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED FROM OTHER

COUNTRIES.

AT THE DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY SIMON HAS CALLED THE COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE SPECIFIC CONTRACTS, CONTINENTAL GRAIN AND COOK CO., TO REQUEST THAT THEY SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT TOMORROW.

IN ADDITION THE PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL MAJOR EXPORTING COMPANIES BE INFORMED THAT HE EXPECTS THAT NO LARGE CONTRACTS FOR GRAIN WILL BE SIGNED IN THE FUTURE WITHOUT SPECIFIC PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

SECRETARY SIMON WILL BE IN MOSCOW NEXT WEEK AT WHICH TIME HE WILL DISCUSS RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE SOVIET OFFICIALS. END TEXT. KISSINGER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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